

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Serial No.: 10/757,503
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A sheet member guide mechanism comprising:
a guide roller for guiding a sheet material;
said guide roller comprising:
a roller core;
a fabric tube fitted under pressure over said roller core; and
a pair of pressers mounted respectively in axial ends of said roller core to hold and secure respective ends of said fabric tube in the axial ends of said roller core, said pressers having a ~~substantially cylindrical~~ tubular shape,
wherein a clearance is provided between each of the pressers and a shaft on which the roller core rotates.

Claim 2 (original): A sheet member guide mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the roller core is rotatably supported on the shaft.

Claim 3: Cancelled.

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Claim 4 (original): A sheet member guide mechanism according to claim 1, wherein said roller core comprises a hollow roller.

Claim 5 (original): A sheet member guide mechanism according to claim 1, wherein the axial length of said fabric tube is longer than the axial length of said roller core.

Claim 6 (original): A sheet member guide mechanism according to claim 1, further comprising a pair of spacers coupled to said pair of pressers.